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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

LOUIS L. PASQUALINI, LMP License No. 36BI00974200

PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE PLUMBING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Louis L. Pasqualini ("respondent") is a licensed master plumber in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto. Respondent is the bona fide representative for "Pro Plumbing Heating, LLC", and has been the bona fide representative for Pro Plumbing Heating, LLC, at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. The Board received a complaint from the plumbing sub-code official for the Township of Jackson, accompanied by a plumbing permit application. The complaint concerned the installation of a water heater and gas piping for consumer J.M. The complaint asserted that

respondent signed and sealed a plumbing permit for the plumbing work to be performed at J.M.'s residential property. The permit listed "Pro Plumbing Heating, LLC" as the plumbing contractor. According to the plumbing sub-code official, the work was not performed by "Pro Plumbing Heating, LLC". Instead, a company called "AAA-Better Service, LLC" performed the plumbing work. "AAA-Better Service, LLC" is not a licensed plumbing contractor in the State of New Jersey. (Exhibit A, copy of complaint from plumbing sub-code official, Township of Jackson, attached). (Exhibit B, copy of plumbing permit application for consumer J.M.). (Exhibit C, certification from Rosemarie Baccile, Executive Assistant, attached).

3. Respondent appeared before the Board on September 23, 2010 to provide testimony concerning the complaint received from the plumbing sub-code official. Respondent admitted he obtained a plumbing permit for plumbing work to be performed for J.M., but did not recall performing the work. Respondent indicated one of his two brothers may have performed the work, but was not clear whether either brother was a W-2 employee of "Pro Plumbing Heating, LLC". Respondent also admitted that he failed to visit the location and did not supervise the job in accordance with his obligation as the bona fide representative. (Exhibit D, copy of certified transcript from the February 26, 2009 inquiry, pgs 11 thru 19, attached and made a part of hereto).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The above preliminary findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), in that respondent has violated and failed to comply with the provisions of a regulation administered by the Board, specifically N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.3, in that respondent has admitted under oath that he failed to supervise the plumbing work that was performed for J.M. under respondent's permit.
- 2. The above preliminary findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), in that he has engaged in the use and employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation and false pretense in that respondent allowed his plumbing seal to be used to secure a plumbing permit for an unlicensed

person, in violation of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:32-4.1 (c), by signing and sealing a plumbing permit and allowing "AAA-Better Service, LLC", an unlicensed entity, to perform the plumbing work.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 26 day of APRIL, 2012, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent is hereby provisionally reprimanded for the violations as detailed above.
- 2. Respondent is hereby provisionally fined an aggregate civil penalty totaling one thousand (\$1,000.00) for the following violations:
- a) Respondent is hereby provisionally fined a civil penalty of \$500 for failing to comply with the provisions of a regulation administered by the Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), in that respondent failed to supervise the plumbing work that was performed for J.M. under respondent's permit, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:32-3.3.
- b) Respondent is hereby provisionally fined a civil penalty of \$500 for engaging in the use and employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation and false pretense, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), in that respondent allowed his plumbing seal to be used to secure a plumbing permit for an unlicensed person in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:32-4.1(c).
- 3. Payment of the entire civil penalty totaling \$1,000.00 shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and forwarded to Executive Director, State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45008, Newark, New Jersey 07101.
- 4. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Executive Director, State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box

45008, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions

should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting

respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

5. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter

determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised

through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded

that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

6. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings,

including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto.

In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the Board shall not be bound by the findings,

conclusions and sanctions herein.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF MASTER PLUMBERS

Bv:

Peter Voros

Board Chairman

EXHIBIT A



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March 30, 2010

RE: AAA-Better Service Co. Inc., Jackson NJ (Additional information)

Dear Board:

This letter supplements the letter dated march 26, 2010 concerning AAA-Better Service contracting for plumbing work.

AAA-Better Service, LLC has submitted *another* permit application, which includes contracting for plumbing work without identifying a NJ Master Plumbers license. The contract is provided.

Upon trying to contact Pro Plumbing Heating LLC, NJMPL #9742 again this date, the phone number listed on the application is still disconnected (732-938-7011). I have contacted Mr. Gerard Sarno of AAA-Better Service and requested a meeting with him and Pro Plumbing. No one has responded to my request for clarification of who is performing the work and no one has complied with my request for a meeting.

Please contact me if the board requires any additional information.

Sincerely,

Kevin F. Schmalz

Plumbing Sub-Code Official

Kevin J. Schmal

EXHIBIT B

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A. IDENTIFICATION—APPLICANT: COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION. WHEN CHANGING

Qualification Code CONTRACTORS NOTARY THIS OF FICE, CALL WITCHY DIG NO: 1-800-272-1000. d I Work Site Location Block _

TACKSCO e-mail Me Amil Tel. (133) Owner in Fee: Address

732 938-701 Exp. Date Plumbing & HeATING [CC TO) HomoH 1×00 Contractor License No. _ Contractor: Address _

FAX: (733) 938-9027 Home Improvement Contractor Reg Istration No. or Exemption Reason (if applicable): Federal Emp. ID No. 76-07/38/

B. PLUMBING CHARACTERISTIGS Federal Emp. ID No.

Private Septic Private Well Proposed Public Sewer Public Water Present_ Building Sewer Size Water Service Size Use Group

47 JOB SUMMARY (Office Use Only) Est. Cost of Plumbing Work \$

Dates (Month/Day) INSPECTIONS Rough Water Sewer Slab Partial Understab Utilities Approved Approved by: | | Plumbing Plans Approved Approved by:] No Plans Required PLAN REVIEW

Gas Equipmen Fuel Oil Piping LPG4s Tank Gas Piping Fixtures 1 Bldg, 1 1 Eleo. 1 1 Fire. 1 1 Elev. SUBCODE APPROVAL for PERNIT Joint Plan Review Required: Approved by: Date: -

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SUBCODE APPROVAL for CERTIFICATE

C. CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF CATH

Approved by:

record and am authorized to make this application and I hereby certify that I am the (agent of) owner of perform the work listed on this apr lication Applicant's Signature/Contractor's Seal and Signature

Date Received 1 Control #

Date Issued Permit #

D. TECHNICAL SITE DATA

DONS HURTHAREA 4091 MOLWART HEALT Keplace ans DESCRIPTION OF WOR

FIXTURE/EQUIPMENT

FEE (Office Use Only)

Water Closet Urinal/Bidet

Bath Tub -avatory

Shower

Floor Drain Sink

Drinking Fountain Dishwasher

Washing Machine Water Heater Hose Bibb

Fuel Oil Piping LPGas Tank Gas Piping

Hot Water Boiler Sewer Pump Steam Boiler

Interceptor/Separator Backflow Preventer

Water Service Connection Sewer Connection Greasetrap

Stacks Other, Other 4 Minimum Fee Administrative Surcharge

State Permit Surcharge Fee

TOTAL FEE

1 White = Inspector Copy

2 Canary = Office Copy

[V] Licensed Plumbling Contractor [] Exempt Applicant

U.C.C. F130HB3 (rev. 12/07)

3 Tag # Office / Other

EXHIBIT C

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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LOUIS L. PASQUALINI, LMP License No. 36BI00974200 Certification of Rosemarie Baccile

TO PRACTICE PLUMBING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

- I, Rosemarie Baccile, being of full age, hereby certify:
- I am the Executive Assistant for the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of Master Plumbers, Division of Consumer Affairs, Department of Law and Public Safety. As such, I am a custodian of the records for the Board.
- 2. A search of the Board's records does not reveal that "AAA-Better Service, LLC" was ever licensed as a plumbing contracting entity in the State Of New Jersey.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Rosemarie Baccile

Dated

EXHIBIT D

- A. No, I was not, I have a copy of the final inspection
- 2 report.
- 3 Q. There's also an indication from the sub code
- 4 official he attempted to contact you, was unable to do so?
- 5 A. Yes, yes, I believe that was where the whole
- 6 misunderstanding came about. At the time I was in a lot of
- 7 debt with the business, I was running on empty. I had nothing
- 8 left in the business. I was getting a lot of -- I owed my
- 9 supply house money, I owed everybody money at that point. My
- 10 phone for my office was shut off. At that point I really
- 11 didn't think it was any, you know, any problem or anything
- 12 there because I've only used my cell phone for the previous
- 13 ten, 15 years, my cell phone all my contacts come through my
- 14 cell phone.
- The office phone number is there. I don't advertise
- 16 really, I don't do any of that, it's all through personal
- 17 contacts, stuff like that. I should have put my cell phone
- 18 number on the permit, I believe is what I should have done,
- 19 which I've done in the past. I quess when he tried to contact
- 20 the office phone it was disconnected at that time, you know,
- 21 failure to pay bills on that.
- Again, like I said, I'm a father of five children
- 23 trying to provide, do the best I can for them all. That's
- 24 really, you know, what had happened with the office phone.
- Q. That business phone number was 732-938-7011?

- 1 A. That is correct. No, that was the fax number. It's
- 2 973-2 -- 732-938-9027. That was the office phone number.
- 3 Q. But, sir, the telephone number for Pro Plumbing
- 4 Heating on the application is 732-938-7011?
- 5 A. That's my fax number.
- Q. You have it listed as the fax number 732-938-9027?
- 7 A. What might have happened at that point, there were
- 8 two lines that were there, I guess my office number -- let me
- 9 see how it worked. The fax line I used to unplug, plug into
- 10 the phone lines when you go down to one phone line in the
- 11 office. I was able to unplug one when I faxed -- when I
- 12 needed to fax, unplug it, stick it into the fax machine, send
- 13 out the fax, stuff like that. It's very possible that the
- 14 7011 was put on that application at that time because 9027 --
- 15 9027 might have been disconnected already. I'm not exactly
- 16 sure how that worked out at that point. I should have put my
- 17 cell phone number on it. That's my contact for all them
- 18 years.
- 19 Q. So it's your testimony, just so we are clear with
- 20 regard to Miss McGee, no contact with Miss McGee herself, is
- 21 that correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. No contact with AAA, is that correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. You received no payment, a barter system?

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- 1 A. No, it was going to be a barter system, I told him I
- 2 would do it, my ex-wife needed some work in her home where my
- 3 children reside. We just, you know, then this whole issue
- 4 came about, so I just wanted to get this thing straightened
- 5 out before anything and stuff. He did go make repairs at my
- 6 children's home on their furnace.
- 7 Q. How many jobs have you done for AAA, plumbing jobs?
- 8 A. He's done a lot for me. I've never done anything
- 9 with him. I've given him a lot of work in the heating and
- 10 cooling business. But I know him through many, many years.
- 11 seen his work, I respect him very highly.
- 12 So that it was really the first time I had done
- 13 something for him like that. I was also home, out of work at
- 14 that time, I was able to respond the following day.
- MR. DONOFRIO: Mr. Chairman, before I go onto the
- 16 next consumer, does anybody have any questions?
- 17 BY MR. MALONEY:
- 18 Q. If I could, are you -- have you ever been an
- 19 employee of AAA?
- 20 A. No, sir, no, sir, never.
- 21 Q. Do you understand there's a feeling or misconception
- 22 out there that you are lending your license to AAA, sealing
- 23 permits for them?
- A. Absolutely not.
- Q. Do you see a pattern of that or no?

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- 1 A. To be honest with you, I only knew of this one
- 2 complaint like you said there. I do know that goes on and
- 3 stuff like that. I have never.
- Q. On his paperwork he's advertising hot water heaters,
- 5 does not have a plumbing license.
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. What he's doing is illegal. He has to find a
- 8 plumber to install them.
- 9 A. That's my first time.
- 10 MR. SABATH: Or pull the permits at least.
- 11 THE WITNESS: First time I ever did that for Mr.
- 12 Serrano.
- 13 Q. To what Joe said, it's your testimony that any time
- 14 that he has put a hot water heater in, you have done the work?
- 15 A. I only did it one time. I only did it the one time
- 16 for him, sir.
- 17 BY MR. VOROS:
- 18 Q. When you installed the water heater, was the home
- 19 owner or inspector there?
- A. Home owner was there, yes.
- 21 Q. On your permits, I don't see your seal. Did you
- 22 seal the permits?
- 23 A. Definitely is seal, it's very worn out, sir. I've
- 24 done thousands and thousands of permits over the years. I
- 25 work with some of the largest developers in the state. My

- 1 seal is very worn out. At this point I have to really squeeze
- 2 it hard.
- 3 Q. Did you attend your continuing education credits?
- 4 A. Yes, I do.
- 5 Q. Who did you do that with?
- 6 A. John, Dale and Glenn.
- 7 Q. Do you recall in that class where they talk about if
- 8 you move or change your phone number you have to notify the
- 9 Board within ten days?
- 10 A. I do know of it, you know, I guess that is proper
- 11 protocol, but I do not have -- at the time I was living with
- 12 my parents. It was very difficult for me at that time with
- 13 five children, I went through a divorce. I was paying
- 14 astronomical child support and alimony to keep my kids in the
- 15 same residence, if I may, a \$1,000 a week, I paid for five
- 16 years for my ex-wife and the children.
- 17 Something I wanted to make sure they were taken care
- 18 of. I had to stay with my parents at that time. Once alimony
- 19 ended which was probably in June or July of this year, at that
- 20 point I was able to go out, now purchase my own place which is
- 21 only two blocks from my children, so they can come home every
- 22 day with me or mom or whoever. I am very close with my
- 23 ex-wife, so it's not a hateful thing there at all.
- MR. VOROS: Do you want to go on to the second one?
- 25 BY MR. DONOFRIO:

- 1 Q. Mr. Pasqualini, did your company do any work for
- 2 Jamie Milkene at 8 Castle Avenue, Jackson, New Jersey?
- 3 A. I believe yes, I have. Yes, I have.
- 4 Q. I thought at the outset you said you had some
- 5 knowledge of the second complaint?
- 6 A. No, I didn't.
- 7 Q. You acknowledge doing work for Miss Milkene?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. You didn't realize there was a complaint?
- 10 A. Never knew there was a complaint, sir.
- 11 Q. So you are aware the complaint is a similar nature
- 12 from the sub code official that in fact you signed and sealed
- 13 a permit to do the work for Miss Milkene and, in fact,
- 14 employees of AAA actually did the work?
- 15 A. Oh no absolutely not, sir, absolutely not. I did
- 16 every bit of the plumbing myself in that home. If I'm -- I
- 17 believe it was an addition to a home if I'm not mistaken.
- 18 They added a bathroom, that was a long time ago you're talking
- 19 then.
- 20 Q. Talking about a permit, sir, dated 3/18/2010?
- 21 MR. DONOFRIO: March of last year.
- MR. BONTEMPO: This year.
- MR. DONOFRIO: It's a water heater.
- A. I'm thinking about -- there was a complaint on that
- 25 as well?

- 1 Q. So the record is clear, did you or in fact, your
- 2 company perform work for Jamie Milkene at 8 Castle Avenue,
- 3 Jackson, New Jersey?
- A. I'm not aware of it. I'm not aware of that at all,
- 5 may I see that please.
- 6 Q. Absolutely. So you are clear, it's your testimony
- 7 you don't recall?
- 8 A. I don't recall.
- 9 MR. DONOFRIO: Let's have this marked as S-1 for
- 10 identification.
- 11 (Whereupon S-1 is marked for identification).
- 12 Q. Sir, I'll show you what's marked S-1 for
- 13 identification. I'll have you look at it, tell me if you
- 14 recognize what S-1 is?
- 15 A. I did pull a permit here.
- 16 Q. You acknowledge pulling the permit, that's your
- 17 signature?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. What's the description of the work you performed?
- 20 A. The only thing I could say here, possibly my brother
- 21 went, had done a water heater for us, that's the only thing I
- 22 could say. I was not at Castle Avenue. I do not recall being
- 23 there. But again my brothers do do work for me as well.
- Q. I believe it was your testimony you had no employees
- 25 at that time, is that correct?

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- 1 A. Not really, they're my brothers, they live next door
- 2 to my home, they go do a job for me as well. It's not like,
- 3 you know, it's not really -- I'm not hiring him.
- 4 Q. So assuming for arguments sake your brother did do
- 5 it, your brother was not a W-2 employee?
- 6 A. Excuse me.
- Q. Was your brother a W-2 employee at that time?
- 8 A. Oh he was part owner of the business at the time,
- 9 you know, he was involved with my business as well.
- 10 Q. Sir, I'm confused. That's your signature on that
- 11 application for permit?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. So in March of this year you signed an application
- 14 to do work for Jamie Milkene at 8 Castle Avenue Jackson, New
- 15 Jersey, correct?
- 16 A. Yeah, yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Did you perform that work yourself?
- 18 A. No, sir. I did not do this job myself.
- 19 Q. Did any of your W-2 employees perform that work?
- 20 A. I guess so, my brother Larry would have done it or
- 21 my brother Rob.
- Q. Were they W-2 employees of Pro Plumbing, sir?
- 23 A. Yes, I guess.
- Q. Could you provide W-2 forms to indicate?
- A. I'm sure would I have them in the office.

- 1 Q. You're the bonifide representative for Pro Plumbing,
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. You have supervisory responsibility with regard to
- 5 all jobs done for Pro Plumbing?
- 6 A. That is correct.
- 7 Q. Did you supervise this job for Miss Milkene?
- 8 A. Apparently not, sir.
- 9 Q. You never went to the location?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. It's your testimony that you are not aware of who
- 12 actually performed the work according to that permit, is that
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Had to be one of my two brothers that had went
- 15 there. I didn't have anybody else working for me at the time,
- 16 so.
- Q. Was AAA Better Service also involved in this job as
- 18 well?
- 19 A. Yes, apparently so.
- Q. How do you know that?
- 21 A. It's part of it.
- 22 Q. Part of what?
- 23 A. It's on the same time when Mr. Serrano -- when I did
- 24 this there as well. I believe there were two water heaters
- 25 that needed to be replaced. I did the one at Mrs. McGee's.